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### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

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### TITLE OF INVENTION

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING SUBSTRATE CARRIERS

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto
- ☒ was filed January 26, 2004, under Serial No. 10/764,982, executed on even date herewith; or
- ☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ (as Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56,

and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

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### PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

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designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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**A. Prior foreign/PCT/provisional application(s) filed within 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this application, and any priority claims under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

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**B. All foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 mos. (6 mos for design) prior to this U.S. application**

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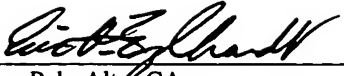
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